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NEGRO INSANITY INCREASING.

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The report of the trustees of the Alabama Insane Hospital to the Governor, confirms a fact previously established in Alabama as in all Southern States, a decided increase in insanity among negroes. In his report to the trustees, made a part of their report to the Governor, Dr. J. T. Searcy, the superintendent of both the white insane hospital at Tuscaloosa and the negro insane hospital at Mount Vernon, says that there is an increase of one in the number of admissions to the hospital in the past year over the previous year.

"Present in the hospital today," Dr. Searcy says, there are twenty-two less patients than last year and forty-nine more colored."

Continuing further the report says, "At the Mount Vernon Hospital the population is increasing so rapidly that we have under construction a two-story cement building to accommodate about one hundred and fifty more men patients."

These official words confirm the already established opinion of trained and informed observers, that the per centage of insanity among negroes, when put within the influence of the white man's civilization is steadily increasing. The trustees in their report to the Governor, says: "We wish to state that we find more marked improvements in the condition of the buildings and in the equipment for doing surgical work and general treatment of patients. It is gratifying to report further that this has been done and that at the same time the per capita draft for patients has decreased."